

CLAIMS:

1. A surgical irrigation device comprising a body having a continuous outer wall and a continuous inner wall which are held apart by one or more spacers, the upper extremities of the inner and outer walls each having an upper sealing surface which together form an upper vacuum channel and the lower extremities of the inner and outer walls each having a lower sealing surface which together form a lower vacuum channel.
2. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 and further including a vacuum tube leading from outside the body into the space between the inner and outer walls, and where a vacuum drawn through the vacuum tube is distributed evenly about the upper and lower vacuum channels.
3. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 and further including an irrigation tube leading from outside of the body, through both the exterior and interior walls so as to terminate within the central space defined by the interior wall.
4. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 3 and further including an aspiration tube leading from outside of the body through both the interior and exterior walls and terminates at a different location to the irrigation tube.
5. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 3 wherein the irrigation tube extends into the central space defined by the interior wall so that it is distant from an aspiration port formed in the interior wall.

6. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein the spacers are perforated.
7. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein the spacers comprise first and second tiers of spaced apart spacers with no overlap between the spacers of the first tier and the spacers of the second tier.
8. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein there is a boundary between the upper vacuum channel and the lower vacuum channel and further including a first vacuum tube leading from outside the body into the upper vacuum channel and a second vacuum tube leading from outside the body into the lower vacuum channel.
9. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein the lower vacuum channel and the upper vacuum channel are of the same configuration.
10. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 9 wherein the lower vacuum channel and the upper vacuum channel are circular in plan.
11. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein the lower vacuum channel is circular in plan and the major portion of the upper vacuum channel is circular in plan and the minor portion is rebated.
12. A surgical irrigation device according to claim 1 wherein the upper extremities of the inner and outer walls and the lower extremities of the inner and outer walls comprised enlarged lips.